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ISRAEL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

Second lieutenant Preddo, Abraham (Avi), of blessed memory
Son of Rivka and Haim
Grandson of Rodia (nee Mudanik) and Yaakov Feffer
Born in Jerusalem, January 4, 1962
Killed in action, June 10, 1982
Buried in the Military Cemetery, Mount Herzl, Jerusalem

Biography

Abraham was brought up in a motivated, Zionist home. He was a pupil at the Yeffe-Nof school for 8 years and went on to high school at the military boarding school next to the Gymnasia (high school) Herzlia in Tel Aviv. For family reasons he had to return to Jerusalem where he continued his education at the Denmark high school.

Before his conscription to the Israel Defense Force, Abraham volunteered to serve in an elite combat unit – either in the paratroops or in the Golani scouting unit. His request was granted; he was accepted into Golani and sent on a platoon commanders course. On completing the course, he was promoted to the rank of corporal and was assigned to be an instructor in his battalion. He went on to sabotage and sappers course which he was about to complete with honors.

When the Lebanon war broke out, Abraham was in the unit that broke through the enemy line on the eastern front. On June 10, 1982, a month before he was to have completed his officers training course, he was killed by a Syrian artillery shell. He was buried in the military cemetery on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem, aged 20. He is mourned by his parents, 2 brothers and a sister.

A study room filled with material pertaining to Israel was set up and dedicated in his name in the Ziv School in Jerusalem.

In his letter of condolence to the family, the Minister of Defense wrote the following: "Second Lieutenant Abraham Preddo gave his life for the

Motherland. He fell in Lebanon on the route code named Micha. He was among the outstanding cadets in his course. He believed whole-heartedly in the path he had chosen and was proud of the ideals he had brought from home. He was beloved by his comrades."

His unit officer wrote the following: "Your son Abraham fell in the war against the Syrians and the terrorists. He fell in the difficult battle which opened up the main route leading to the Lebanon Valley, pushing back the enemy to a point from which they could not harm our northern border. Abraham was about to finish his course, among the finest cadets in his company. He was very proud of his family and the ideals instilled in him. Be proud that you were privileged to raise and to educate a son such as Abraham who served as a model for all."